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The Coming Gym. Show.

Work for the coming Gym. show to be held in Utica in March is progressing slowly. On account of a deficiency in track athletics and on general principles, the Advisory Board have decided to give this entertainment, and have appointed Sherman, '06, manager; Drummond, '06, Thompson, '06, Heacock, '06, Bennett, '06, Kuolt, '07, and Kelly, '07, as a committee. The show two years ago was a success and the outlook for this year is as good if not better. "Uncle John" is entering heartily into the plan and is perfecting some of his old-time tricks. A great number of those in the former show are still with us and there is some good material in the Freshman class. Louis Ehret, '04, will be back to do his stunts and Hoffman, '05, will swing the Indian clubs.

The musical clubs under the able leadership of Purdy, '06, are preparing to start work immediately, and with the abundance of material will be certain to maintain the high standard of the past few years.

Notwithstanding these good signs every fellow in College needs to give his earnest support to make the show a success. So far only a few men have started training in the Gym. and without a good number no progress can be made. So let each one who can do anything in gymnastics, or who thinks he can, get over to the Gym. and practice. Everyone stands a chance of getting some place, although he be not a Sandow or a Samson. In any case the exercise won't hurt. "The early bird catches the worm," so now is the time to get busy.

Football Schedule.

Sept.	27.	Cornell 5, Hamilton 0.
Oct.	2.	St. Lawrence 0, Hamilton 12.
	7.	Rochester 0, Hamilton 29.
	14.	Syracuse 27, Hamilton 0.
	21.	St. Lawrence 11, Hamilton 11
	28.	Hamilton 21, Trinity 17.
Nov.	4.	Union at Schenectady.
	11.	Colgate at Hamilton.

HAMILTON 21, TRINITY 17.

THE GAME CLOSE AND EXCITING.

Both Teams Strong on the Offensive.

Football enthusiasts were given a good opportunity last Saturday to satisfy their zest for the game by seeing two good exhibitions of football.

After a rather one-sided preliminary game between U. F. A. and Clinton High School, the 'Varsity game was called. The teams were about evenly matched in weight, Trinity averaging two pounds more per man than Hamilton. Both teams were weak on defense but strong on offensive work. Hamilton as usual played brilliantly, at intervals, especially in the first half, and between times seemed to sleep. Especially was this true in the second half when Trinity began to play in a way that made the victory look doubtful. But after a time the team braced up, stopped their onslaught and rushed the ball across the field nearly to the goal line just as the whistle blew.

THE GAME.

At 3:17 Thompson kicked to Trinity's 25-yard line at the south goal. Mason failed to gain and Landerfeld punted 40 yards. Bramley brought it back 20 yards. Ferris went through tackle for 11 yards, Moore hit the line for five, Bramley made four around right end and Mann added one through center. Ferris and Moore between them gained 20 yards. Ferris fumbled, but Thompson fell on the ball. Moore found a hole and crossed the line for the first touchdown. Bramley punted out 20 yards to LeMunyan and kicked the goal. Score: Hamilton, 6; Trinity, 0.

Thompson kicked to Hubbard on the 15-yard line, who brought it back 10 yards. Dougherty made 10 yards. Landefeld punted 20 yards to Bramley. Ferris made 17 yards through left guard. Bramley was thrown back five yards on a quarterback run but made 20 yards on a fake punt. Ferris and Moore added 5 more. Mann hit the line for six yards. Ferris got through for five and Mann hurdled for a touchdown. Bramley missed the goal. Score: Hamilton, 11; Trinity, 0.

Thompson kicked to Landerfeld. Mason made seven yards. Pond tried an end run but failed to gain. Mason was pushed along for 25 yards. He made another yard, fumbled, and Sicard was on the ball. Ferris and Sicard could gain nothing, Mann made four yards but that was not quite enough.

Trinity took the ball and sent Donnelly through center first for four yards and then for 15 more, Bramley stopping him on the two-yard line. Donnelly after two trials was pushed over for a touchdown, Trinity's first. Landerfeld missed the goal. Score: Hamilton, 11; Trinity, 5.

Trinity kicked to the 15-yard line, LeMunyan returning the ball 15 yards. Bramley punted 30 yards; Trinity punted 35 yards; Bramley brought it back 10 yards; LeMunyan circled the end for 40 yards; Moore in a couple of trys added 35 yards; Ferris planted the ball on the 5-yard line, and Moore took it over. Bramley failed at the goal. Score: Hamilton, 16; Trinity, 5.

Thompson kicked to the 25-yard line; Trinity backs carried the ball 20 yards and then Hamilton held for downs. Moore went around left end for seven yards. Schwartz bumped left guard for two more. Mann found a spot good for five and Ferris cut loose for 20. Trinity held on the 10-yard line. Donnelly made five yards. The half ended

with the ball in Trinity's possession on their own 15-yard line. Score: Hamilton, 16; Trinity, 5.

SECOND HALF.

At the opening of the second half Landefeld kicked to Hamilton's 15-yard line, LeMunyan making 10 yards. Moore, Ferris and Schwartz made good gains through the line and Bramley got away for 45 yards. Mann went through for five yards. Bennett took Schwartz's place and made three yards. Moore went over for a touchdown. Bramley failed at goal. Score: Hamilton, 21; Trinity, 5.

Roosa took Moore's place. Thompson kicked to the 15-yard line. Sanders and Mason made six yards. Hamilton held for downs. Bramley attempted a place kick but it was blocked, Trinity securing the ball. Maxson, Mason and Xanders, by cross and straight-line bucks, carried the ball down the field and sent Xanders over for a touchdown. Landerfeld kicked the goal. Score: Hamilton, 21; Trinity 17.

Zanderfeld kicked to the 10-yard line. Mann was under the ball and brought it back 15 yards; Ferris and Bramley made five each; then Hamilton fumbled on the 35-yard and Trinity went at us and hammered out another touchdown. The goal was kicked. Score: Hamilton, 21; Trinity, 17.

Stryker went in for Ferris and Holley for Bramley. Trinity kicked to the 10-yard line, Stryker running it back 15 yards; Mann and Stryker made 10 yards and Sicard circled left end for 30 yards; Mann and Roosa made five yards; Sicard went around end for 20 yards and LeMunyan made 30 yards around the other end, being tackled on Trinity's one-foot line just as time was called. Final score: Hamilton, 21; Trinity, 17.

The team played well on the offense, but poorly defensively. Several times better judgment might have kept the ball or punted well into the enemy's territory. It's hard work trying to pull out of a hole by bucking the line with four or five yards to gain. Bramley, Ferris, LeMunyan, Sicard, Mann, Holley and Moore all played excellently on the offensive. For Trinity Landerfeld, Maxson and Xanders did the best work.

The line-up:

Hamilton 21.		Trinity 17.
	Left end.	
LeMunyan.		Willoughby.
	Left tackle.	
Schwartz, (Bennett.)		Donnelly.
	Left guard.	
Swetman.		Dougherty.
	Center.	
Nellis.		Marlor.
	Right guard.	
Thompson.		Buck.
	Right tackle.	
Bloyer.		Landerfeld.
	Right end.	
Sicard.		Pond.
	Quarterback.	
Bramley, Capt., (Holley.)		Hubbard.
	Left halfback.	
Ferris, (Stryker.)		Mason.
	Right halfback.	
Moore, (Roosa.)		Maxson.
	Fullback.	
Mann.		Xanders.

Referee—Baxter, Hobart. Umpire—Munroe, Bowdoin. Linesman—Hamilton, Bennett, '06; Schwartz, '07; Trinity, Morgan. Timekeepers—Hamilton, Sherman, '05; Trinity, Bryant. Touchdowns—Moore 3, Mann, Donnelly, Xanders, Landerfeld 2. Time of halves—25 minutes.

The '91 Manuscript Prize.

Owing to lack of space we were unable to print the announcement of the '91 Manuscript Prize, founded by Samuel H. Adams and George M. Weaver, Jr., of the Class of '91, which appeared in the *Lit.* last week. So that this announcement may have the fullest possible circulation in the College publications we reproduce it entire.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1905.

To the Editors of Hamilton Lit:

Gentlemen:—With a view to encouraging original literary effort, the undersigned members of the class of '91 desire to offer through you, for competition by the undergraduate body of Hamilton College, a cash prize of $25.00 yearly to run for the term of five years. This prize is to be known as "The '91 Manuscript Prize." Primarily its aim is to stimulate creative interest as expressed in contributions to the regular college magazines. Therefore, it has seemed best to the donors to establish, as the medium of composition, the present form of undergraduate journalism at Hamilton, and to make the management of the competition entirely a matter of undergraduate control.

To be eligible a manuscript must have been published or accepted for publication in either the *Hamilton Literary Mazazine*, HAMILTON LIFE, or *The Hamiltonian*. No essay, oration, or thesis designed for or entered in any recognized academic competition for writing, shall be considered; but this shall not apply to literary work in the regular course not competing for an academic prize.

Only prose writing may be entered. The contesting manuscripts must be creative in character; under which head is included broadly, fiction, descriptive narrative, editorials, and contributions upon subjects of contemporaneous college interest. To distinguish by example: in the latter class, an article on the tendencies of modern athletics would be eligible, while a thesis on the influence of science on 19th century literature, would not. No restriction as to length is set, other than the limits proper to the nature of the college publications' demands.

Such conditions as relate to the opening and closing of the competitions, the formal award of the prize, and the determination of the successful manuscript, will be decided by the combined editorial boards of the *Hamilton Literary Magazine*, HAMILTON LIFE, and *The Hamiltonian*, or a quorum thereof; or by judges delegated by them. It shall be within the province of the united boards in any year to declare no award, in case the contesting manuscripts fail to fulfill satisfactorily the conditions under which the prize is offered.

Trusting that we may have the cooperation of your board in this matter, we are respectfully yours,

SAMUEL H. ADAMS,
GEORGE M. WEAVER, JR.

Alumni Contributions.

Hamilton spirit and Hamilton loyalty show themselves in many ways. One of them is the manner in which our alumni put their hands down into their pockets and help along athletics by subscriptions. During the week the following notification was handed to LIFE:

"The Athletic Association wishes to acknowledge gratefully the generous gifts to its treasury through the Hon. James S. Sherman, from the following alumni and friends:

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THE TRINITY GAME CONTAINED none of the objectionable things that press reports had prepared us for. The New England men played a hard, scientific game, but they played cleanly and certainly showed no tactics such as New York University and Rutgers claimed. We note that the Union team had nothing but praise for the playing of the Trinity men. Unless they had reformed suddenly and completely one might think that the boot was on the other leg and that Trinity was party of the second part to all those previous difficulties. However, that is as it may be, we don't know, but for ourselves we find no fault. The game was one of the cleanest, closest and most interesting that has been played on the Campus in years and the best team won.

FOOTBALL AS A SPORT is being somewhat roughly used this fall, the attack upon the game being led largely by President Eliot, of Harvard. Widely aroused discussion and organized criticism will doubtless lead to some modification in the rules. However, the real difficulty seems to rest with the officials. With strictly impartial umpires almost all of the brutal and objectionable features of the game could be done away with. President Roosevelt laid his finger on the vital point when he called his recent conference of coaches to agree on cleaner tactics and more strict enforcement of the rules.

The West leads in reformation of eligibility rules and the Conference regulations are now stricter than any college in the East would tolerate. This fall for the first time no Freshman will be allowed to play, the authorities claiming that for the first six months of a man's college career his work ought to command all his attention and energy. This is not so harsh as it seems at first glance, for three years of college football are quite enough for the average man and very few players can in their fourth year approach their earlier form. All these rules are bound to have a good effect on athletics and particularly so on football, and the outcome of the general state of unrest is to be closely watched.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE OF *Outing* for November offers some very interesting comment on athletic ethics and the football rules. Mr. Caspar Whitney, the editor of *Outing*, has done a great work in cleaning up university athletics and in engendering a more wholesome spirit in the sporting world. His criticisms are fearless and impartial and while we sometimes feel that they are almost too harsh, yet interest and pointedness are always there. Every fellow interested in the broader sphere of college sport will do well to read *Outing's* editorial comment as Mr. Whitney is closely in touch with everything that is vital in the administration of both collegiate and general athletics. His drastic criticism of the Rules Committee for its inactivity in complying with popular demand by altering the football rules so as to permit of more open play seems likely to bear fruit before another season.

THE WALK BELOW THE ARBOR is in wretched shape and unless some measures are taken to repair it serious accidents are bound to happen. In several places there are whole boards missing and a broken plank means a broken leg when the Hill is fast. Unless the property owners repair the walks the fellows ought to get together and see that it is done, if coasting is to be safe this winter. After snow comes it will be too late and now half an hour's work and half a dozen planks would make the whole walk perfectly safe.

THIS FALL THERE HAVE BEEN at least two instances of advertising schemes being carried out by college men, for personal gain pure and simple, and though at first thought it seems all well enough, we must, after a careful consideration of the matter, admit that it is not wholly praiseworthy.

Now far be it from any normal person to decry business enterprise and financial thrift, if well directed; but right here rests the question. Is it fair for a single, independent student to secure ads. from all the local merchants early in the season and thus cut these advertisers from the college publications, who rely largely upon their advertising for support? The college papers do not ask for money, except for subscriptions, as do all the athletic departments, and for this reason should not be encroached upon in this, their own peculiar right. And moreover we should consider the long suffering and charitable merchant, who yearly gives us his support when really he gets no return in comparison with the outlay. If we ask him to support the *Lit.*, LIFE, *Hamiltonian* and Y. M. C. A. Handbook, it would seem as though we were heaping enough upon him without turning loose a herd of private money-makers to prey upon his good nature and generosity. And right here the question arises, would the merchants favor these young promotors if they understood that private inititive and not college management was at the helm?

In defense of one the private advertising attempts, it has been said that the man who conducted it was authorized to do so by the football department. Now we may be wrong in our view of the case, but it would naturally seem that such authorization was not within the power of the said department. If our athletic departments with their student support, with gate receipts, (and revivals), cannot get along without infringing on the generally conceded rights of the papers, surely things are at a pretty pass.

If any man should run a side-show on the Campus in opposition to a football game, what a howl we would hear. But he would only be making a little legitimate profit, even as our thrifty young advertisers are doing.

Let's quit this selfish business, unfair to both merchants and our periodicals, and even if the spirit of gain is strong in our true Yankee natures, restrain our instinct along that line until some better opportunity offers.

ELECTRIC LAMPS ARE NEEDED on the Hill. Heretofore the different crowds have combined with some of the property owners and have persuaded the company to install half-a-dozen lights. It is a great convenience to have our homeward way lit up and a little effort ought to secure this boon. A lamp at the foot of the Hill, another surmounting Freshman Hill, one at the Arbor, one in front of Prof. Brandt's and another opposite the lower end of the Campus; these would do the work. Let some energetic organizer get busy and give us light.

THE OBSERVANCE OF HALLOWE'EN this year was left to twelve Freshmen and three valiant officers of the law,—or at least, they said they were. To say it was a quiet evening is rather a mild expression. Nobody worked but fathers of the law, not a stunt was done and the College looked in vain the next morning for signs to show there is a Freshman class in College. Considering the circumstances it seems like cruelty to compel those innocent defenders of the peace to patrol the deserted, storm-beaten Campus defending it—from what? Never before within our memory has it been considered necessary to call upon the aid of anyone not connected with the College, to help control the movements of underclassmen on the Hill. Obviously the innovation was not received with the enthusiastic approval of the student body, who do not welcome the presence here of strangers armed with night sticks. Were officers stationed here to prevent a repetition of last year's Hallowe'en? It is fair to assume that the students themselves would have prevented that. Were they here as a reminder or punishment for the ruthless acts of a year ago? In that case the only ones affected were the poor knights of the club who spent the night wading through the puddles. Whatever their purpose here they were unwelcome and we hope the day is still far distant, when in crossing the Campus we will be compelled to answer the challenge of sentries.

Captain M. S. Reynolds has been barred from the football team by the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania for this season.

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College Notes.

—There were no electric lights on the Hill Thursday night.

—Dr. Burton, '91, was on the Hill to see the game with Trinity.

—It is announced that Hemmens, ex-'08, is the proud father of a baby girl.

—"Hank" White says that Swetman ought to change his figure while debating.

—Tickets to the Sophomore Hop may be obtained from the committee for $1.50.

—The basket-ball team will take a trip of four days in the New England states.

—The "easy marks" are anxiously inquiring after the lastest news from the founder of the magazine trust.

—The Sophomore-Freshman football game will probably take place on the Saturday after the Colgate game!

—We heard that "Tad" Weekes and Johnny Henderson "with some other Freshmen" were out playing basket-ball last week.

—The date of the Sophomore Hop has been fixed on the Wednesday evening after the Colgate game. The estimates for the cost are in, and everything bids fair for a successful affair.

—Samuel Adams, '91, has an especially strong story in the November number of *McClure's Magazine*, entitled, "The Substitute."

—Fifty-five men could not be found in the whole College who were willing to go to Schenectady. That's a kind of a knock on our spirit.

—"Square" told the Freshmen that he had dealt with such chickens before. Comparing them to a flock of chickens is a simile that had not occurred to us.

—Regular practice for the basket-ball team was held last Wednesday. It lasted two hours for a starter and showed up several good men in the Freshman class.

—Some effort should be made soon towards organizing a chess team. Professor Rice has given us a fine equipment and a place in the league. Now it is up to us to do something.

—Having danced, the Sophomores will now pay the fiddler; likewise the Freshmen will settle their paint bill, which amounted to nearly $20, and which will be raised by the usual class levy.

—Warburton, '06, leaves today for a week's hunt in the Adirondacks. If the stories which he tells of his former trips are true, we have reason to hope that venison may be added to the Commons' bill of fare.

—Captain Sherman of the basketball team has enlisted a very fair showing of recruits from the Freshman class and had the first batch of them out at the practice on Wednesday. Several of them promise well.

—On account of a dearth of chairs in the organ loft last Saturday, those of the choir who could not find room on the organ bench were forced to sit upon the floor. Luckily for them, "Little Greek" cut his prayer short.

—The fates have turned their benignant smile from the Sophomore class. A Dutch review on the morning that followed what should have been the night-shirt parade; and a mathematics review to prepare on Hallowe'en, is certainly piling it on some.

—Despite its present immateriality and non-existence, the Freshman football management has received a flattering challenge from the Freshman team of Colgate University for a contest between the two classes. Fiscally and physically the challenge at the present stage of the game seems not wise.

—Before the game [illegible] someone suggested that we take warning from the New York vs. Trinity game and muzzle the Trinity team to keep them from biting. It is feared that Captain Cragin of the New York University team is coming down with hydrophobia.

—An old-fashioned spelling bee would reveal some surprises amidst these classic halls. For example: an ardent Sophomore rubbed off the Freshman yell, written on one of the blackboards in the Chapel recitation room, and sweepingly superscribed the epithet "Rotton," which, if it means the word it sounds like, is in itself orthographically self-descriptive.

—There has been much discussion around College lately concerning the caps it is proposed to give the men playing on the scrub throuohout the season. A good deal of doubt has been shown as to the style of cap to be used. At Wesleyan, the members of the scrub team receive a cap made up in the college colors with the figure "2nd." on it, in place of the college letter. This would seem to be better than a plain cap, or a cap with class numerals on it, and is offered as a suggestion.

—We do not wish to seem too concerned or take too deep an interest in affairs not directly our own; but for the sake of those who have to attend Wednesday noon chapel, we would suggest that the one who has charge of Freshman speaking make an effort not to have the chapel harangued with those old, worn out, and sufficiently antiquated declamations. When one of the Seniors was a sub-Freshman "the past rose before him like a dream," and it has risen, similarly, before many a man since; it rose before a Freshman last Wednesday noon. Few things are so good that we never tire of hearing them.

—"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Thus moved the minds of the powers that be, so that Hallowe'en night found three members of the Clinton constabulary doing the ubiquitous act around the Campus. Likewise the buildings had all been firmly fastened. Handicapped by a bad night, a dozen members of the Freshmen class made a vain search for trouble until the wee small hours of Wednesday morning, when they gave up in disgust, and with a yell for the faithful guardians of the peace. Even the cannons of fame more recent than their Revolutionary glory had been carefully concealed.

—The flagrant unsophistication of one of the Freshmen came close to nonplussing "Square's" efforts to elucidate the wiles of the binomial theorem at a recent recitation of his algebra class. A radiator was the innocent cause of the diversion. As the puffs of steam floated up from behind one of the blackboards, it flashed on the mind of the aforementioned Freshman that the Hall of Science was on fire, and under the circumstances he felt called upon to speak. He did so with a wild gesture to indicate the cause of his anxiety. "Square" failed to see the danger, the class thought they saw a joke, and the Freshman most decidedly saw the point of the accompanying remarks, which left no room for mistake as to their import.

Sigma Phi Informal.

The Beta of the Sigma Phi gave an informal dance Monday evening. Mrs. Stryker and Mrs. Nichols, of Clinton, and Mrs. Smyth, of Utica, acted as patronesses. The following guests were present: Prof. F. H. Wood, Miss Ethridge, of Rome; Miss Truax, of New York; Miss Stryker, of Clinton; the Misses Pettengill, Calder, Parsons, Searles, Martin, Ogden, Johnson, Bagg, Day, Baker and Peckham, of Utica. Rath's orchestra furnished music.

"Trying Out" Managers.

There has been one great advance made since last April by the managers and assistant managers of our athletic teams. It is in the system of so-called "trying-out" of men for the assistant managerships. In baseball last spring and in football this fall the system has been followed and with success.

Too many times in the history of our athletics managers have been elected purely on popularity or, and perhaps worse, in order to keep up an imaginary "balance of power" between the fraternities. In most instances this worked, on the average, well enough. But it was open to two criticisms. First, and most dangerous, it was almost certain to lead to "political deals" and combinations. We all recognize how disastrous such things are to athletics in Hamilton or any other college. Again a man might be elected who cared nothing for that branch of athletics for which he was chosen as manager, or he might have no aptness for his work after he began to fill the position.

Under the new system only those men who are interested in and care for athletics come out to try for managerships. Under the direction of the assistant manager they show their ability, or lack of it, and so the Advisory Board has something tangible to hold to in making its nominations to the Athletic Association. The feasibility and good sense of this plan is patent.

Last spring the assistant manager of baseball was chosen on the merits of this system and it seems that the next assistant manager of football will be chosen in the same way. It is a good system and we hope it has come to stay. Colgate, Cornell, Yale, Harvard and many other colleges have found it the best way to secure competent managers, and why should not we?

Basket-ball comes next on our athletic program. Those Sophomores who care for the office of manager should begin with these first practices to be on hand to help the management and show their spirit and ability. This system, we believe, should be made a permanent custom and become one of the athletic traditions of Hamilton College. It is feasible, sensible, business-like and practical.

Amherst has decided to drop basket-ball from her athletics. The fact that she has poor material for a team is generally believed to be the reason for her doing so.

The *Harvard Bulletin*, the organ of the graduate body of Harvard, puts itself on record as being an enemy of football. It says that the famous game is in decadence.

Harvard's football team is seriously crippled by the loss of Captain Hurley, who is out of the game temporarily on account of a torn ligament in his thigh. He does not expect to play until November 11th in the game with Pennsylvania.

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